Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 30 Oct 2020 until 23:59 on Saturday 31 Oct 2020

Forecast Issued on Thursday 29 Oct 2020 at 16:45 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a bright but cold day on Friday followed by a very unsettled period with increasing chance of storms and snow on the higher mountains but low for details and wind strengths over the weekend.

Headline for Friday 30 Oct 2020: Sunny intervals and occasional showers, of snow on the higher slopes. Severe wind chill.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 30 Oct 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain showers	Sleet showers	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
80%	70%	30%	30%	30%	20%	20%	20%

Forecast for Friday 30 Oct 2020

Weather: Mostly cloudy overnight with further rain, this generally lighter but still the odd slightly heavier outbreak at first. Towards daybreak the rain breaking up into light showers with these turning wintry on the summits. The rest of the day will become bright with cloud breaking further to allow some sunshine at times, though still with a few showers, and cold enough for these to be of snow above 800m. The evening mainly dry with largely clear skies and just the odd patch of summit cloud, and just the odd light shower towards the west coast and Isles.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10% overnight with extensive cloud at 400-600m and lower patches in west, rising 40% by dawn, and then 70% from late morning with only occasional patches of cloud on the tops mainly near showers.

Visibility: Moderate or poor in rain or drizzle overnight becoming generally good during the day away from the lifting cloud, but a few brief reductions in showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	48/57 SW	37/46 W	38/46 W	37/46 W	38/48 W	39/49 SW	37/46 SW	34/42 S	27/34 S
900	46/54 SW	35/44 W	36/44 W	35/43 W	36/46 W	37/47 SW	34/43 SW	32/41 S	25/32 S
600	30/38 SW	26/35 W	26/35 W	24/33 SW	26/36 W	26/35 SW	22/31 SW	21/31 S	17/24 S
300	10/39 SW	11/36 W	9/35 W	9/33 W	11/36 W	9/35 SW	6/31 SW	6/27 SW	5/20 S
Glen	14/29 SW	17/30 W	13/26 W	12/24 SW	16/29 W	13/26 SW	11/25 SW	10/24 S	8/17 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	8/2	6/-1	2/-5	0/-8	0/-8	1/-8	1/-7	1/-7	1/-6
900	8/2	6/0	3/-4	1/-7	1/-7	2/-7	2/-6	2/-6	2/-5
600	10/6	8/3	6/-0	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	4/-1	4/-1
300	10/8	9/6	8/5	6/4	7/4	7/4	6/4	6/4	6/4
Glen	12/10	11/8	10/7	8/6	9/6	9/6	8/6	9/6	8/6
Freezing Level*	2400m	2100m	1400m	1000m	900m	1000m	1100m	1200m	1100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note the low feels like temperatures at height

Forecast for Saturday 31 Oct 2020
Weather: A dry start to the early hours, then cloud and heavy rain, preceded by summit snow, will arrive before morning, accompanied by severe gale to storm force winds. This heavy rain will last into the afternoon before turning more showery in the evening the showers then turning wintry on the highest tops.

Maximum wind: South or southeast 50 gusts 80mph veering westerly in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% at midnight falling 10% before morning with extensive cloud to 400-700m then chances improving 30% in the evening

Visibility: Poor in heavy rain and mist becoming mainly good away from showers in the evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 at midnight rising to Plus 12 in the afternoon then falling Plus 7 by midnight.
At 800m: Plus 2 at midnight rising plus 8 by late morning then falling to Plus 4 in the evening.
Freezing level: 1000m early hours rising above summits in the morning then falling to 1100m later in the evening.

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